

we were at you: we before senden
to you þat we shulde suffer tri-
bulacions / as it is don: & ze wi-
ten þat fore / þat poult no legere a
bidige: sente to knowe youre
feip / lest þat we shulde be
tempted: & your cruel be-
maad weyn / but now whine ty-
mothe shal come to us fro:
& telle to you your feip & chari-
te / & þat ze han good mynde of
us: ever desirige to se us: as
we also you þat fore brysen we be
comfortid in you i al our neid
& tribulacioun: bizon: feip for
now we lyne: if ze stonde in pe
lord / for what doyngs of þat
gis moyn we zelde to god for
you: in al ioye: i which we ioye
for you: before our lord: nigt
& day more plenteuouly prei-
ge: þat we se your face: & fulfil
le þat pignis þat faylen to you: feip
but god hi self & our fadir & pe
lord ihu crist: dzelle our weye to
you: & pe lord multiplye you: &
make your charite to be plen-
teuous of ech to oþer: & into alle
me: as also we in you / þat your
hertis ben consermyd: wyrou-
te pleynt in hoolynesse before
god & our fadir: i pe comyng of
our lord ihu crist wy alle hile
seyntis amen. **¶**

¶ Forfore brysen fro he-
ne forþard we þien you:
& bilerthen i pe lord ihu / þat
as ze han resseyned of us:
how it bihoney you to go & to
plese god: so walke ze þat ze a
bonde pe more / for ze wite whi
comandementis / þat hane you
to you: by pe lord ihu / for þis

is pe wille of god: your
hoolynesse: þat ze absteyne you
fro fornicacioun: & ech of you
kune welde his vessel: in hoo-
lynelle & hono: not i passioun
of lust: as hepen me þat knowe
not god: & þat no mā on go: ney
disseyne his broþ in chastite:
for pe lord is venger of alle þe
pignis: as we before sende to you:
& han writenlid / for god clepe
not us into vncleynesse: but into
hoolynesse: þat fore he þat dispis-
pes pignis: dispisþ not mā: but
god & also: as his hooly spirit
i us. **¶** But of pe charite of þe
þat heed: we hadde no neid to wri-
te to you: ze self han leyn of god:
þat ze loue to gidre: for ze doe pat-
into alle brysen i al macedonie:
& brysen we preyen you: þat ze a
bonde more: & take kepe: þat ze
be quyet: & þat ze do your neid:
ze worche wy your hondis: as
we han comandid to you: & þat
ze wandre honestly to þe þat
ben wyrounforþ: & þat of no mā
nes ze desir our pignis: for brysen
we wolen not þat ze vnknowe:
of me þat oþen: þat ze ben not loth
ful as oþe þat han not hope: for
if we bilerthen þat ihu was deed:
& roos azen: so god shal lede
wy þe hem þat ben deede bi þe
& we seien þis pignis to you: i pe
word of pe lord: þat we þat liven
þat ben left in pe comyng of pe lord
shul not come before hem þat
ben deede: for pe lord hi self shal
come down fro heuene: i pe
comandement & in pe vois of
an archangel: & in pe triump of
god: & pe deede me þat ben: crist.